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WEATHER BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—For lower Michigan: Generally fair, but with increasing cloudiness and local showers Monday afternoon or Monday night; southerly wind; warmer.

TO TAX ORPHANS.

Mr. Gluecklich's bill providing for the taxation of church property is fatally defective in failing to provide for the exemption of the personal property of benevolent and charitable associations. The second section of the bill exempts the personal property and realty of all library and scientific associations, and of the posts of the G. A. R.; the benevolent and charitable associations having been stricken from the original draft, leaving it with these three specific exemptions.

While the merit of the bill, as a whole, is of extreme doubtfulness, the omission to provide for the exemption of benevolent and charitable associations destroys all doubt as to its equity. If orphan asylums and other eleemosynary institutions established and maintained by voluntary charity are to be taxed, then there is no justification for exempting cemeteries, which are maintained involuntarily and are the results of necessity rather than benevolence. By taxing orphanages the orphans themselves are taxed, because every dollar of taxation withdraws its equal in value from their education and comfort.

All property devoted to public uses should be exempt from taxation. All property consecrated to the good of humanity, whether church, school or hospital, should be exempt from taxation. The present law is no hardship except to those who, failing to contribute to the moral, educational and physical comfort of others would tax those who do. When a church ceases to be a church to engage in real estate speculation, then it should pay its proportional burden of the cost of the government. But to tax a church because it represents a monied investment in its furnishings and buildings is to fine generosity and punish industry. We have too much of this already.

If, in spite of these objections, the bill shall pass, the exemptions which originally appeared in the second section of the bill should be restored.

BONDS FOR REVENUE.

Rockefeller, one of the magnates of the Standard Oil monopoly, says that the government will be compelled to issue bonds to raise revenue to pay the expenses of the government. And this is the condition that confronts an administration committed to a "tariff for revenue only" policy.

The loud wailings against the iniquities of the McKinley bill are reduced to the plaintive assurance that with all its iniquities it doesn't secure enough money to support the government, notwithstanding Secretary Morton's dismissal of Mr. Blaine's brother from the service to save \$2,000 a year.

What does this "honesty and economically administered government" expect to do in the face of the fact that our revenues are not sufficient to pay expenses? Logically it must reduce the tariff. But if the tariff be reduced then the revenues will be diminished. If the administration fail to keep faith with the people, in harmony with the platform declarations of the party, then it will earn the distrust of the people and pave the way for a vote of retirement in 1908.

The present administration went into office bearing on its banner: "This is a business administration." Its principal "business" seems to be to disturb all other business by its lack of firmness, and pitiable paucity of resources. If the present halting policy in regard to revenue and finance shall much longer continue, its "business" will be a disgraceful failure. It will go down into history as a "bonds for revenue only" administration.

CLEANS UP GOLD.

Discussing the gold question, Henry Clegg says: "The secretary appears to expect from the banks a measure of support under the exigencies beyond what he has so far received from them; and perhaps not without some reason. So far the banks, in meeting the export demand for gold, have as far as possible avoided drawing upon their own deposits in the treasury, and have preferred to demand gold for their greenbacks and treasury notes of 1900; the effect of which has been to drain the treasury's own stock. Really, therefore, the banks are largely responsible for the present low condition of the gold reserves. It is not easy to conceive of a reason for this course that will justify itself to public opinion. In choosing this policy they have not to any degree prevented the impairment of their resources; all they have accomplished has been to conserve the gold portion of

their 'fawful money' while diminishing the paper portion. If the banks are to be understood as meaning by this discrimination that they distrust the legal tender and feel it their duty to hoard gold, at whatever risk to the treasury, public opinion is not likely to commend their prudence in declaring such a demoralizing verdict. The silence and inaction of the associated banks seem to need some formal explanation, if misimpression and possible serious mischief are to be avoided.

"It has not been usual for that powerful body of financiers lightly to ignore the convenience of the treasury and the credit of the government in seeking to protect their own interests. The exports of gold during the week has been very large, and we still stand exposed to more next week; neither have the large imports of merchandise begun to decline, nor the light exports of produce to increase—which are sources from which material easing of the monetary situation is to be expected."

EXPERTS SHAKEN.

One of the most startling bits of expert testimony ever given on a witness stand was that of Dr. Victor C. Vaughan of the University of Michigan in the Buchanan trial in New York a few days ago. Two of the leading chemists in the state of New York testified before the jury that they had made a chemical examination of the contents of Mrs. Buchanan's stomach and detected the presence of morphine in sufficient quantities to cause death. In the detection of morphine or any of its salts in cases of poisoning the color test has been relied upon as absolute. Dr. Vaughan, by six experiments in the court room, proved that the morphine color can be produced by the action of the reagent upon the pinnacles of decomposed human sweetbread, which contain no traces of morphia whatever. If Dr. Vaughan's tests are to be relied upon, and nobody that knows him will be inclined to question them, the alleged expert testimony in cases of suspected poisoning by morphine has been no better than worthless. If the color test be unreliable, and it is fair to presume that it is, the examinations conducted for the detection of morphine in the stomachs of deceased persons have been nothing but scientific guess work, too unreliable to be depended upon for ordinary laboratory purposes, and much less to establish the guilt of a man charged with a capital crime.

Saturday Governor Flower of New York appointed George Raines of Rochester as commissioner to re-examine the testimony in the case of Carlyle W. Harris. Dr. Vaughan's experiments before the Buchanan jury undoubtedly decided the governor's action. The evidence in the Harris case was much the same as that given by the experts in the trial of Buchanan. It is possible that Harris' protestations of innocence are true and that he has been convicted upon the strength of an uncertain chemical reaction. The matter merits the most careful consideration, and the public, in the meantime, will be pardoned if its faith in expert testimony be somewhat shaken.

DOCTOR FLUHRER'S estimate of the character of Shakespeare blends with the matchless sweetness of the great poet's most tuneful beauties. That Shakespeare was a gentle, loving soul, the sweetness of Rosalind's passion and the constancy of Juliet's affection abundantly testify. Unless he were moved by emotions as sensitive as the needle to the magnet he could not have clothed his beautiful figures in language as chaste and pure as the dew of heaven. It was the sweetest side of Shakespeare's many-sided genius that Dr. Fluhrer so eloquently presented to his congregation last evening.

MAX JUDEN says he will tender his resignation if Austria offers any objection to his appointment. This is certainly patriotic, but America cannot afford to have one of her citizens insulted by a foreign power, simply because Hebrew blood flows through his veins. Austria must learn that we are not French, English, Germans, Serbians and Jews. We are all Americans, and a man's descent has nothing whatever to do with his citizenship.

It must begin to dawn on the relics of political "conscience" that something has happened. The progressive republicanism of this district seems to be recognized by the powers that be, while the reminders of defunct issues and defuncter men are vainly groping for something they never get.

It is really too bad the churches are not open every day in the week. The religious editor of The Democrat pines for larger opportunities to attend divine service. He might attend the daily chapel meetings held in the composing room.

ALL Russian immigrants will hereafter be excluded from Hamburg, but the germ-infected proteges of the Great Bear should not be discouraged. America is always ready to receive them, cholera or no cholera.

CLEVELAND has decided that all republican officeholders shall serve out the four years for which they were appointed; but Asman Maxwell has not yet received any official notification to that effect.

Is the legislature decides to tax churches, the aphorism, "Salvation is free," will have to be amended at the same time.

MEMBERS STRAYERS will leave Honolulu May 24, but if the Detroit Tribune decides to annex Hawaii perhaps he may be induced to remain.

PRUDHOMME CLEVELAND has spoken on the gold question. He wants the people to help him out. They just helped him

in; but if they had another chance at the ballot, they would gratify his desire.

SECRETARY CARLISLE can maintain a deficit about as successfully as any man that ever managed the treasury.

As a financier, Secretary Carlisle gives promise of equalling the lamented Colonel Mighery Sellers.

STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

Day by day it becomes more evident that the present administration means to conduct the government on the mystery and hypochondria principle and that public business is to be an official secret. This is what is known as democracy.—Detroit Tribune.

Prof. Victor C. Vaughan of the university of Michigan has made himself famous by the proficiency in chemical science which he has shown in giving his expert testimony in the Buchanan murder case in New York city.—Little Creek Journal.

In 1861 the democratic party shot the stars and stripes down at Fort Sumpter. In 1893 the same party pulled them down from Honolulu. They seem to dislike to see the old flag float.—Grand Lodge Republican.

Mitchell the pugilist talks of abandoning the prize ring for the pulpit. If he really gets in earnest it would be a sad mistake for the sinner who fails to come to repentance.—Eaton Rapids Herald.

The supervisor is abroad in the land. Hold yourself in readiness to swear—not at the supervisor but to the truth of your statements.—Ravenna Times.

All property should be taxed regardless of whom it may belong to. There should be no favoritism in taxation.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

HIT AND MISS BRIEFS.

If Sergeant Dunn or anybody else happens to have a "benker full of the warm south" handy, now is the time to pass it around.—New York Tribune.

Tom Watson will not change. He is going to stick to the frazzled end of friction, and go down as a calamity howler.—Brunswick Advertiser.

When a Philadelphia street car overtakes a funeral procession it is considered prima facie evidence of furious driving.—Ninetown Nemesis.

Many a man who goes to Washington with a place in his mind's eye, returns home after having got it in the neck.—Rochester Post-Express.

Attorney General Olney's severity may be useful to the country if he will turn it against the trusts.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

It is not a sign of independence to denounce Tammany; it is simply a sign of respect and love of country.—Elmira Gazette.

One-half the world succeeds through its failures and the other half fails through its successes.—Elmira Gazette.

It would be interesting to know what the duke of Veragua thinks of Tammany.—New York Advertiser.

The great good thing about the Hawaiian situation is that it is again Hawaiian.—Evening World.

The annual May dance in Europe is getting to be somewhat of a war dance.—Baltimore American.

The Tammany American watchdog: Put none but Tammanyans on guard!—New York Recorder.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.

Mr. Gladstone, the hale and hearty old man, already beyond the allotted four-score years, still sleeps as he always has, in the old-fashioned state bedstead of mahogany, with the stuffy canopy and hangings, which the laws of modern hygiene prescribe as most dangerous to health and longevity.

Col. A. L. Conger, of Ohio, formerly a member of the republican national committee, says: "We are going to re-nominate McKinley and elect him, too. Governor McKinley's friends are not making any plans for 1908. The presidential election will take care of itself."

James C. Carter, one of the United States commissioners in the Berlin conference, is a member of the class of '50, Harvard college. He was a classmate of T. Jefferson Coolidge, United States ambassador to Paris. Mr. Carter is a native of Lancaster.

The London Times calls Capt. A. T. Mahan, of the United States navy, "the most distinguished living writer on naval strategy and the originator and first exponent of what may be called the philosophy of naval history."

At Monteno, France, the other day Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, up a corner with Arthur Conan Doyle, and at it, for the benefit of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Father George Deahon, acting superior of the Paulist fathers, graduated in the same class with General Grant, and was in service during the earlier years of the war.

The Prince of Wales, by many recent acts, has shown strong tendencies toward scientific matters.

The late Lord Dudley had no notion of a dinner without apple pie.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

"I don't believe in these secret societies," said one Harlem lady to another.

"That's very singular," replied the other. "Your husband is a Forester, a Knight of Pythias and a Knight of Honor, and you'll have at least \$10,000 when he dies."

"But what good does all that do me?" was the tearful response, "when he never dies!" And the poor creature burst into tears.—Texas Siftings.

"That suit of yours doesn't fit you very well, Jimson."

"No, darn it. That's what comes of sending your man to do things for you, instead of going and doing 'em for yourself. The idiot got measured for himself and not for me, as I told 'em to."

Bingler—What's the matter with Staples? I just passed him and his face wore the most dogged look I ever saw.

Hangler—It had a right to. Somebody left a basketful of yellow pups on Staples' doorstep last night.—Buffalo Courier.

Though she's opposed to the turf and its ways, Her opinion can hardly be just; It must be admitted these house-cleaning days, She is sure to be out for the dust.

Wild-eyed Man—I want some something. What sized bottle?

Wild-eyed Man—Bottle! I want a keg! It's time!—New York Weekly.

TALKED FOR AN HOUR.

(Continued from First Page.)

Lucerne on May 2. Despite the official confidence in the successful conclusion of the Russo-German commercial treaty the negotiations, language and Russia's counter proposals have proved disappointing to the foreign office, where it is not held to be possible that the negotiations will not collapse. It is certain that if Chancellor von Caprivi should retire nothing more would be heard of them.

The Bulgarian government has failed to obtain its required loan of 25,000,000 marks through the Dutch bank. While the negotiations are progressing, stories become current that Prince Bismarck had such confidence in the future of Bulgaria that he had largely invested in the last Bulgarian loan. Prince Bismarck authorizes a denial of this report and says he holds no Bulgarian stock.

An important conference was held in Vienna today between Emperor Francis Joseph and Dr. Wokele of the Hungarian cabinet. The conference did not result in reconciling the emperor to the prime minister's policy. Dr. Wokele asked the emperor to assent to certain Australian generals and leading radicals attending the anniversary of the storming of Buda by the revolutionaries. The emperor flatly refused to give the desired permission. The difference has also widened on the politico-religious bills with which the late of the Hungarian government is bound up.

ORANGEMEN RIOTS.

Belfast Had a Really Lively Time of it Saturday Night.

LONDON, April 23.—Orangemen riots broke out in Belfast last night and continued until late this morning. The fighting was especially severe in the northern district. At midnight an Orange mob put out the street lights and shortly afterward attacked a tavern kept by a Roman Catholic. They smashed in windows and doors, looted the store rooms and liquor vault, drove out the tenants, the tavern keeper, and his family, and burned down the building. The whole district was in such a riotous mood before 3 o'clock that a company from the Dorsetshire regiment was brought up. Who ordered the military cannot be learned. The police refused to accept their assistance, as they regarded the mob as being able to cope with the mobs. The military marched away; soon afterward the mobs were dispersed by means of some heavy clubbing. Twenty or more rioters were arrested.

DEATH BY DROUTH.

Three Mexican States Have no Rain for Eighteen Months.

CHIHUAHUA, April 23.—The drouth which has prevailed throughout the state, and in sections in the states of Durango and Coahuila, for the past eighteen months has not been broken and the situation is even more alarming than it was at any time during the four years of drouth which was broken two years ago. Thousands of head of cattle are dying for lack of water, and there will be but little food products raised this year. The human beings and cattle in the western part of this state are living on the misery and cacti plants.

Typing Under Control.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 23.—The typhus fever epidemic in the City of Mexico is almost under control and the board of health expects to have it entirely stamped out in a few days more. There is also a decrease in the number of deaths from typhus reported in San Luis Potosi and other cities in Mexico where its ravages have been severe during the past four months. There are a few cases at Tampico, where it has obtained a foothold among the soldiers stationed there.

Knox Heavily Sentenced.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 23.—The trial of Robert Knox, the young American who was arrested several months ago upon the charge of obtaining \$12,000 worth of jewelry from local dealers by means of a forged check, was concluded at midnight last night. The prisoner was sentenced to four years and four months imprisonment and \$800 fine. His wife, who is charged with being his accomplice, was sentenced to six months imprisonment and \$225 fine.

Bismarck's Improving Health.

HAMBURG, April 23.—Thousands of persons took advantage of the delightful weather today so make excursions to Fredericksruhe. Prince Bismarck showed himself at the gates of his place and afterward walked into the park. His health is much better. He sleeps well and his cough has ceased.

Across of Lumber Ablaze.

LONDON, April 23.—Ten acres of timber at the Victoria dock in Hull are ablaze. The loss will be more than £100,000. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been started by striking dockers.

HE WENT TO CHURCH.

Veragua Heard Satelli Celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The Duke of Veragua and party, under the chaperonage of Commander Dickens, U. S. N., attended pontifical high mass at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church this morning. The occasion was the feast of the patronage of St. Joseph, the patron saint of the church, and the music was a special feature in honor of the lineage of the discoverer of America. Gounod's grand mass with Wagner's "Pater noster" and Handel's "Agnus Dei" were rendered by a choir of thirty voices, under the direction of Prof. Jubel. The Rev. V. F. Schmitt, rector of the church received the duke's party at the entrance and escorted them to front pews, which were decorated with the Spanish flag. Upon the altar, in veneration of the rector, Mrs. Satelli attended the services, accompanied by assistants Mrs. Staretti and Dr. Papi. The throne occupied by Mrs. Satelli was ornamented with the papal colors. The altar was handsomely decorated with floral and bunched lights. The Rev. V. F. Schmitt, rector of the church, presided at the altar. The Rev. M. J. Riordan and the Rev. Father Deane of New York. The Rev. J. J. Dillon, assisted by the Rev. A. Adolph of Buffalo, N. Y., had charge of the ceremonies.

The Rev. J. J. Donohue, rector of the cathedral at Baltimore, delivered a sermon upon the feast day. Other clergy present were the Rev. J. J. Healy, D. D., of Boston; the Rev. Thomas Lee of Washington, and the Rev. D. DeWolff of the Catholic university.

Although the duke of Veragua's program which took him to St. Joseph's instead of St. Matthew's as originally made, was not made public, the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. St. Matthew's was also crowded in expectation of the duke's presence. There, immediately after leaving the church, the duke's party took a carriage ride, stopping at the Spanish legation for a short visit, returning to the hotel for breakfast which

was served at 1:30. Throughout the afternoon and evening many prominent officials and their wives called. Tomorrow morning the party will take a drive to view the sights of the city. At 5 o'clock they will be received by President and Mrs. Cleveland. In the evening Senator and Mrs. Bruce will give a reception at the home of Mrs. Bruce, country New York will be made Wednesday leaving this city via the Pennsylvania road at 9:40 a. m.

FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS.

Talmage Has Expounded the Gospel in the Brooklyn Tabernacle.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The Rev. Dr. D. DeWitt Talmage celebrated the twenty-fourth anniversary of his pastorate of the Brooklyn tabernacle today. In the morning he preached a special sermon which was largely reminiscent of his early days in the ministry. His words: "I saw four and twenty thrones and on them four and twenty elders."

Previous to the morning service Dr. Talmage said: "A misapprehension is abroad that the financial exigency of this church is great. Through journalistic and personal friends a breathing spell has been afforded us, but before us yet are financial obligations which must promptly be met or speedily this house of God will go into worldly uses and become a theater or concert hall. The \$12,000 raised cannot cancel a floating debt of \$140,000. Through the kindness of those to whom we are indebted \$90,000 would forever set us free. I am glad to say the case is not hopeless. We are daily in receipt of touching evidences of practical sympathy from all sections of the country; and it was but yesterday that by my own hand I sent for contributions, gratefully received, nearly fifty acknowledgments, east, west, north and south."

BOOTH NO BETTER.

He Is Unable to Talk and Sleeps All the Time.

NEW YORK, April 23.—There seems to be little doubt that Edwin Booth is in a very serious condition, in spite of the reassuring statements of the physicians. Dr. Smith said after his 5 o'clock call today that Mr. Booth was better than he had been at any time since his present attack. Mr. Booth is still unable to talk. He recognizes those about him, however, and sleeps most of the time. His daughter, Mrs. Grossman, was with him today.

EVERY WORD TRUE.

The death of John A. Bell, managing editor of the Detroit Free Press, followed in a few days by the equally sudden death of Charles Williams, managing editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, raises the question as to whether both of these gentlemen were not victims of overwork. Both were young men—Williams but 27 years of age—and each stood at the throttle of that intricate human machine, the working corps of a metropolitan daily newspaper. They were men of great energy, thought and toil. They retained them through an increased concentration of thought and thought, for the great reading public is a merciless taskmaster, and constantly demands more and more at the hands of its servants, while its rewards are inadequate to the service exacted. Hundreds of the brightest minds that are produced in this or any other country are to be found today toiling in various capacities to fill the columns of the American daily press. Cheerfulness and ever goodly do they give of the offspring of their spiritual, mental and physical talents, for the pleasure and profit of those whom they know not, and by whom they are never known. In winter's cold and summer's heat—under the glare of the sunlight and by the artificial rays that hold at bay the threatening gloom of darkness, they toil on, bravely ignoring the protests of weary brain, heavy eyelids and torturing nerves, until, with the last task faithfully performed, they creep wearily through the darkness which precedes the dawn toward a cheerless couch, courting a few hours of forgetfulness and a renewal of that mental and physical strength of which they have made such prodigal waste.

One day there is an essential wheel missing from the great machine. Its absence is indicated by a vacant chair. A substitute is found—the machine rolls on. A week, a month passes, and then the fact is quietly announced that a comrade—a brother—has departed forever from the scene of his labors. He has found, in the bosom of the mysterious beyond, that rest which fidelity, pride and ambition forbade him to seek here.

His fellows loved him, but the demands of that insatiable master, the public, brook no delay, even from death. A few brief words of regret—perhaps a tear hastily dropped—a guard of honor chosen to bear their comrade to the grave—a few hours of forgetfulness and a renewal of that mental and physical strength of which they have made such prodigal waste.

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NOTES CHATS.

N. E. Jones of Lansing, president of the Michigan division, Knights of the Grip, is a guest in The Morton. Tomorrow morning the party will take a drive to view the sights of the city. At 5 o'clock they will be received by President and Mrs. Cleveland. In the evening Senator and Mrs. Bruce will give a reception at the home of Mrs. Bruce, country New York will be made Wednesday leaving this city via the Pennsylvania road at 9:40 a. m.

Technical points in the case will be promptly decided by Albert Campbell. About never inspired a "heat race" before, but it is concluded that he can do it; any man that questions his decision. Already something over \$300 has been put up on the result.

"I've summated in Small and wintered in Manitoba," said W. C. Kinsley, a venerable old gentleman from New York in Small's last night. "But I'll drop dead right here if I ever see anything more than this particular United States April. The other day I started north from Atlanta. The weather was as balmy as an Italian summer night, and the morning birds were singing as only Georgia morning birds can sing. When I reached Louisville I found the balminess was somewhat out of joint and the English sparrows looked as if they had the grip. At Chicago I found a November atmosphere ready to do business and the wind sweeping over the lake at a little twenty-mile-an-hour blast. Now I'm up here and the sun is in my bones, chilled by the infernally raw, cold, pneumonia-bearing breeze. Any man who says there ever was such an April deserves incarceration."

N. C. Johnson, formerly proprietor of Street's hotel, will manage the Lake Harbor hotel, near Muskegon, during the summer season. "I have three chances for next fall, but I thought I might just as well do something during the summer to keep my hand in. We shall open the hotel sometime about the middle of June. On June 28 there will be 5,000 persons out there to a camp meeting. That's a mighty good start for the season. The way I figured it is this: There are something over 100,000 persons in Michigan who are interested in Hackley park matter. A great many of them ought to drop around during the course of the summer, and if they do I've got the best thing in the summer hotel line between St. Joseph and Potosi."

Harry Prescott and M. L. Dyer, two well-known Chicago traveling men, made a bet in The Morton yesterday which is causing a great deal of talk among the boys. Prescott and Dyer are both uncommonly good horse back riders. Yesterday morning after a little jaunt they made a wager on a race. Prescott is to ride Gill's "Black Jack"